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1. WE CONCUR IN DECISION TO ACCEPT SWISS INVITATION TO
OBSERVE MANEUVERS OF THE 4TH TERRITORIAL ARMY
NOVEMBER 13 AND 14.

2. EMBASSY WILL REMEMBER THAT WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES NOT
ONLY DID NOT OBSERVE AT ALLIED MANEUVER REFORGER BUT WITH
THE EXCEPTION OF ROMANIA DID NOT EVEN ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT
OF INVITATION. YUGOSLAVIA IS ONLY OTHER EUROPEAN NEUTRAL
TO HAVE NOTIFIED A MANEUVER TO DATE AND THEY DID NOT IN-
VITE OBSERVERS. THUS ACCEPTANCE OF SWISS INVITATION MAY
BE ISOLATED EVENT BASED ON ROUTINE NATURE OF SWISS INVI-
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TATIONS EVEN IF "PURSUANT TO CBM PROVISION OF CSCE," OR

MAY SUGGEST INTENTION ON PART OF WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES TO
OBSERVE NEUTRAL BUT NOT ALLIED MANEUVERS. FOR THIS REASON
DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE FURTHER INFORMATION ON WARSAW
PACT ACCEPTANCE AND ACTUAL PARTICIPATION AS IT DEVELOPS.

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